

VICE REPORT SIGNED BY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Sealed Copy Sent to Board of Aldermen, Which Meets on Tuesday.

BELIEVED TO BE TWO REPORTS
Larger or Committee Report Said to Censure Two Commissioners. Members Decline to Discuss Contents—Glad Long Job Is Ended.

The findings and recommendations of the Council committee which investigated the Police Department were adopted by the investigating body last night. The final executive session began at 8:15 o'clock. With an intermission at 10 o'clock of twenty minutes, the probe at behind closed doors until 11:25.

At that hour the members of the committee departed from the City Hall, giving a realistic exemplification of the silence of the sphinx. Circumstances, however, made manifest the fact that harmony had not prevailed; that the body had not agreed.

Close observers, who have followed the inquiry from beginning to end, are convinced that two reports will be submitted to the Board of Aldermen, which meets at 8 o'clock on Tuesday. "Ask the chairman," was the reply to all queries vouchsafed by other members of the committee at the close of the session to all inquiries concerning the contents of the document showing the findings and recommendations.

WILL BE MADE PUBLIC

Next Tuesday night the committee has agreed, said Chairman Barton H. Grundy, "that the findings and recommendations of the committee shall not be made public until next Tuesday night. The papers are to be delivered in a sealed envelope, to preclude the possibility of premature publicity. I regret that I can give no information at this time, but it is the will of the committee."

Interested citizens who conversed with different members of the investigating body at the close of the final session are singularly of the opinion that a minority report was drawn by Assistant City Attorney George Wayne Anderson during the recess of twenty minutes. Colonel Anderson appeared for City Attorney Pollard, who has been confined to his home by illness for the last ten days.

It is positively known that Councilman Edgar H. English, the lawyer member of the investigating body, offered a motion to make public last night the action taken by the investigating body, and that the motion was voted down. It was rumored that the only support given to the motion came from Alderman William W. Workman. Members of the committee declined to confirm the report. Likewise they refused to deny it.

The impression is strong that the majority report of the investigators severely censures Police Commissioners Goode and Weil for personal misconduct, and in a milder tone pronounces the conduct of Commissioner McCarthy ineffectual.

Neither the majority report nor that of the minority, it is ventured, is a definite, clear-cut expression of the convictions of the committee as to the fitness and unfitness of the three commissioners. On the other hand, it is believed that the reports are of such a nature as to put it up to the wisdom of Council to accept or reject either report.

The inquiry into conditions in the Police Department began with a session held March 12. Since that time in each week the work has been arduous, the body sitting all night from 8 o'clock until near midnight. Several of the sessions have been extended to hear several witnesses. The committee has borne patiently with the argument and counter-argument, and interruption after another, due to exigencies arising from the absence of attorneys or important business calls upon members of the body, compelling delays from time to time that were unavoidable.

MEMBERS GLAD TO BE DONE WITH ARDUOUS TASK

At the close of last night's session each and every member of the body, in reply to a sentiment, expressed the fervent hope that he would never again be asked to submit to such an ordeal as this investigation had put upon him.

Members of the Board of Aldermen and four members of the Common Council composed the committee upon which the task of probing the charges in particular made in the report of the Vice Commission to Mayor Ahliss and the council, prevailing in the Police Department. They are: Aldermen Barton H. Grundy, H. Waverly Melton and William W. Workman, and Councilmen Edgar B. English, Clarence A. Seaton, George W. Rogers and Edgar H. Ferguson.

Chairman Grundy stated at the close of the meeting last night that it was the understanding of the committee that a meeting of the Common Council will be called by President R. Lee Peters as soon as possible after the meeting of the Aldermen next Tuesday, and that the joint session to act upon the report shall be held either on the same night or at a later date, after the meeting of the Aldermen or as soon after as may be found convenient.

WILL GO ON VACATION, NOW THAT INQUIRY IS OVER

"You may say for me," said Alderman Workman last night, "that when this report is received I will be on my vacation, enjoying myself at a summer resort." Alderman Workman will leave the city to-day. Alderman Melton said that business would call him from the city probably next Monday. Of the members of the Board of Aldermen, who sat with the investigating committee, only Chairman Grundy will remain to attend the meeting next Tuesday night, when the sealed report is to be opened.

The cost of the investigation, including the expense of making stenographic records of the proceedings, the mileage paid witnesses summoned from other cities and other incidentals, to this time is approximately \$1,000. This expense is borne by the city.

TRYING TO STARVE BELGIUM

Germany Said to Be Withholding Food Supplies.

ROTTERDAM, July 9 (via London).—It is reported here that the German military authorities in several Belgian provinces, in an effort to force civilians to work for the army of occupation, have withheld food supplies sent in by the Commission for the Relief of Belgium.

In Malines the food supply is said to have been stopped because the mechanics refused to work in the railroad shops. At Courtrai the workers are reported to have been deprived of food because of their refusal to work in barbed-wire factories, while similar action was reported at Roubaix on the refusal of the workers to make sand bags for trenches.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUED FOR FIRST REGIMENT

Will Go to State Rifle Range at Virginia Beach for Practice on July 18.

ORDERS FOR ENCAMPMENT
Major J. Fulmer Bright, Recently Elected Commander of Richmond Grays, Will Be Required to Take Military Examination.

Transportation was issued yesterday at the Adjutant-General's office to Colonel William J. Perry, of Staunton, commanding the First Infantry, for movement of his headquarters and twelve companies of his regiment to the State Rifle Range, at Virginia Beach, on July 18. Colonel Perry reports that he expects to have fifty officers and 370 enlisted men in the camp, which will continue until July 25. He will arrange the schedule for the departure of the various units of the regiment from their home stations so as to reach the range on July 18. Under the instructions of the Division of Militia Affairs, War Department, Colonel Perry and each of the other regimental commanders of the Virginia Volunteers when they go into camp will designate an executive officer of the range, with rank not exceeding that of colonel; an adjutant, a quartermaster, with the rank of captain, who will act as range officer, and one quartermaster for each battalion.

Colonel C. A. Dempsey, United States Army, acting inspector of small arms practice with the Virginia Volunteers, and Captain A. M. Shipp, United States Army instructor, have been detailed to attend the camps at the State Rifle Range. The Second Infantry goes to Virginia Beach July 25 and the Fourth August 8. It was stated at the Adjutant-General's office yesterday that only officers and enlisted men who had qualified on the indoor ranges would be eligible to go to the State Rifle Range, where it is expected to qualify the entire personnel as marksmen, experts or sharpshooters, according to the average scores made.

The First Infantry includes the four companies of the Richmond Grays Battalion, two companies from Staunton, one each from Alexandria, Clifton, Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, Danville, Lynchburg.

Under a ruling of Attorney-General John Garland Pollard, Major J. Fulmer Bright, recently elected commander of the Richmond Grays Battalion, First Infantry, succeeding Major Lawrence T. Price, will be required to take an examination before receiving his new commission. He is now a major in the Medical Corps, and the impression prevailed in military circles that a transfer to the Infantry branch would be the only equipment before he could assume command of the battalion, in view of the fact that he is now holding the same rank to which he was elected. Major Bright will probably take the examination in time to permit him to accompany the First Regiment to the State Rifle Range.

The election of Major Bright to the command of the Grays has received the endorsement of military authorities, who are highly pleased at his selection.

Captain William McKee Dunn, of Richmond and Hot Springs, an officer in the Quartermaster Corps, has been ordered to report at Virginia Beach on July 15 as assistant to Major James W. Graves, camp quartermaster at the State Rifle Range.

Upon the recommendation of Major Thomas P. Peyton, of Charlottesville, commanding the Second Battalion, First Infantry, Sergeant-Major A. Fosters has been promoted to quartermaster and commander of the battalion, with rank of second lieutenant.

Orders were issued yesterday for an inspection by Captain A. M. Shipp, United States Army, July 13, of B. Company, Second Virginia Infantry, stationed at Culpeper. This company failed to come up to the requirements at the last regular army inspection, but has since been reorganized and is reported in good shape.

Colonel Charles A. Dempsey, United States Army, is acting for Adjutant-General Sale of the latter's absence in Rockbridge County at the bedside of his mother, who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis last week. General Sale expects to return to Richmond the first of next week.

ANTI-SALOON FORCES ARE PRESSING BATTLE

Appeal Issued to Voters to Defeat National Candidate Opposed to Substitution of Question to People.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 9.—The national convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America, to-day unanimously adopted resolutions urging Congress to submit the question of national prohibition to the people in the form of a constitutional amendment.

"The nation is rapidly moving toward the absolute prohibition of the beverage liquor traffic," the resolution said. "Already more than two-thirds of the counties and more than three-fourths of the municipalities of the nation are under prohibition. Eighteen of the forty-eight States have adopted prohibition laws, while the Legislatures of four other States have submitted the question to an early vote of the people. When the prohibitory laws become operative in all these eighteen States more than 60,000,000 people will be living under prohibition, and 80 per cent of the area of the nation will be no-liquor territory."

Congress also is urged to bar intoxicants from interstate commerce, and to prohibit use of the mails for transporting liquors and carrying liquor advertisements into dry territory.

Just before final adjournment of the convention to-night, P. A. Baker, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, issued an appeal to "the people of the country" in which he urged effort to defeat candidates for Congress and the United States Senate who do not favor submitting national prohibition to the people.

"Press the battle against the liquor traffic," the message said. "In every town, county, State and Nation, the battle is being fought for Congress and the United States Senate who is not in favor of the submission of a joint resolution for national prohibition; also against any candidates for presidency, who by sympathy or conduct, past or present, is known to be friendly to the traffic. A candidate who is not willing to trust the people of his State to pass upon this question is not worthy of the confidence of the people of his State."

Thousands of delegates will leave to-morrow for Washington, where a supplementary meeting will be held. At this meeting, it was expected, resolutions will be adopted demanding that the Hobson-Sheppard resolution be changed before it is presented to the next Congress so as to prohibit not only the sale, but the manufacture of alcohol.

AT HIS CHARIOT WHEELS



WEINBRUNN WILL PAVE FOURTEENTH STREET

City Attorney Comes to Rescue of Contractor Who Declined to Make Second Bid.

NO RIGHT TO CHANGE AWARD
After Giving Work to Lowest Bidder, Board Attempted to Reopen Matter and Invited New Proposals on Different Specifications.

An opinion of City Attorney Pollard came to the rescue of C. M. Weinbrunn, a paving contractor, yesterday. Weinbrunn was the lowest bidder for paving with first-class granite blocks, South Fourteenth Street, between the dock and the new Mayo Bridge. At a meeting held by the Administrative Board on June 24, that body voted to award to Weinbrunn the contract for this improvement at his bid of \$210 a square yard.

Before formally signing the papers, however, the board, at the same meeting, voted to invite another set of bids on Baltimore specifications for granite block paving, the competition to be open to the same contractors who bid on the Richmond specifications. Pending the returns from this competition, the board directed that the contract voted earlier in the meeting to Weinbrunn be held up.

Weinbrunn declined to take part in the second competition. The bids filed showed J. J. Curley to be the lowest bidder for the paving on the Baltimore specifications, at a gross price for the work, which would have meant an approximate saving of \$2,300 to the city.

The board, thereupon, applied to the City Attorney for an opinion as to the right of this body to rescind its earlier award to Weinbrunn and substitute the lower bid of Curley on the Baltimore specifications.

In an opinion prepared by Assistant City Attorney George Wayne Anderson, transmitted yesterday, the board was advised that the award to Weinbrunn was binding, notwithstanding the qualifying motion adopted by the board later in the meeting at which it accepted Weinbrunn's bid. It was not necessary in this case to sign up formal papers, Colonel Anderson holds, to make the board's obligation binding, the mere act of accepting the bid and voting to award the contract to him constituting a sufficiently binding agreement.

With this opinion before it the board affirmed its original award to Weinbrunn and the work of improving South Fourteenth Street will go forward without further hitch. The chief difference between the Baltimore and Richmond specifications for granite block is that the Baltimore block is longer.

FACILITIES ARE ADEQUATE

South Is Prepared to Handle Coming Cotton Crop.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Preliminary reports on facilities in the South for handling the coming cotton crop have been received by W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, from officials connected with the four Southern banks in the Federal reserve system. The reports deal only with warehouse facilities, which are said to be adequate.

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DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Funeral of Thomas J. Davis. Burial services were held in River-view Cemetery yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock over the casket containing

the body of Captain Thomas Jefferson Davis, superintendent of the State Farm for fifteen years.

The body arrived here yesterday morning from Gloucester County, where funeral services were conducted last Thursday, and was taken to Bennett's undertaking establishment, where the pallbearers and other friends were assembled. The pallbearers were:

Active—John F. Jacobs, Reuben Burton, Samuel Cowardin, C. M. Robinson, St. George Bryan, W. C. Camp, T. R. Kemper and W. E. Roane.

Honorary—J. D. Patton, W. B. Bradley, J. W. Brockwell, L. L. Scherer, J. B. Wood, H. T. Parrish, Judge William F. Rhea, W. B. Freeman, C. A. Robinson, A. C. Hartman, T. J. Strauch, William Jenkins, Dr. John R. Oughton, C. Lee Moore and J. R. Harvie.

Delegations from R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, and the Junior Order of American Mechanics attended the burial services, paying the last tribute of respect to their departed comrade and brother.

Mrs. Josephine McLaughlin.
Mrs. Josephine McLaughlin, daughter of the late Frank Fletcher, died at her residence, 906 North Twentieth Street, Thursday morning. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Joseph McLaughlin, J. C. Eschenich and Mrs. T. J. Hardison.

Hillary L. Roberts.
The body of Hillary L. Roberts, who died in Charlottesville Thursday night, will arrive in Richmond this afternoon at 3:40 o'clock. Interment will be in Hollywood Cemetery immediately after the arrival of the train.

Mrs. Laure Lee Beale.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BREMEN, Vt., July 9.—Mrs. Laure Lee Beale, wife of John Tyler Beale, of this place, died here this morning after an illness of several months, in the forty-fourth year of her age. She was, before her second marriage, widow of Dr. Charles C. Org. of Richmond, where she lived for several years and was well and favorably known. She is survived by her husband, J. T. Beale, and one sister, Mrs. V. C. Ansell, of Hanover, Va. She was a member of Grace Episcopal Church and was very prominently connected with the Ladies' Guild work. Interment will be made in Grace Church Cemetery here at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The pallbearers will be B. W. Ansell, C. M. Chevalier, William H. Hanson, Henry Thomas, J. C. Dossell and W. G. Holman.

John B. Klipper.

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BRISTOL, TENN., July 9.—John B. Klipper, a pioneer of Washington County, and one of the best-known citizens of that section, died on Tuesday night at his home at Limestone.

James Goodwin Burns.

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RAILROAD EARNINGS SHOW UPWARD TREND

Situation Now Much Better Than Was Thought Possible Six Months Ago.

SOME COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Interstate Commerce Commission Compiles Statement of Revenues of 168 Lines for May and for Eleven Months of Fiscal Year.

General improvement in railroad conditions through the country is indicated in a statement issued out by the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington yesterday, covering the operating revenues, expenses and net revenues of 168 lines in the United States for the month of May and for the first eleven months in 1914-15, as compared with same periods last year. The figures in the statement for May are:

Operating revenues—1915, \$22,716,885; last year, \$22,793,622.

Operating expenses—1915, \$16,045,168; last year, \$17,939,235.

Net operating revenue—1915, \$6,671,717; last year, \$4,854,387; increase, \$1,817,330.

For the first eleven months the showing is as follows:

Operating revenues—1915, \$2,542,982,935; last year, \$2,684,131,123.

Operating expenses—1915, \$1,786,110,753; last year, \$1,952,455,564.

Net operating revenue—1915, \$756,822,182; last year, \$731,675,559; increase, \$25,146,623.

The increase in the net operating revenues for the month of May were more than sufficient to wipe out the decrease for the preceding ten months. On the whole, the railroads will make a far better showing for the year than was anticipated six months ago.

The directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad have declared the semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on preferred stock, and 2 per cent on preferred stock, payable September 1. A preliminary statement of the earnings shows a satisfactory surplus after the payment of the dividends.

The Norfolk and Western has decided to lay new and heavier rails on its branch line to City Point, and will begin work at an early date. The present fifty-step rails will be replaced with new eight-foot-pound steel, so that the larger locomotives of the road can be operated on the branch line. The City Point traffic is increasing to such an extent that the branch is now one of the busiest in the Norfolk and Western system.

June was a record-breaking month in many respects at Hampton Roads, and the Chesapeake and Ohio for the expeditious loading of government coalers. On June 28 the company's coaler at Newport News loaded the collier Cyclops with 11,592 tons of cargo and bunker coal in five hours and minutes, an average of 36 2/3 tons per minute, establishing a world's record for this class of vessels. The best previous record for this class of vessel and cargo was 11,355 tons in nine hours and thirty minutes, an average of 20 1/5 tons a minute.

WORSHIP FALSE GODS

OAKLAND, CAL., July 9.—The American people worship the gods of wealth, fashion, fame, physical comfort, travel, passion, chance and drink. William Jennings Bryan said here to-day in an address before a joint meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of North America and the National Education Association.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., July 9.—Mrs. Mary Josephine McKelroy, widow of James McKelroy, who died many years ago, died this morning at 9:15 o'clock at her residence, 1000 Clay Street. She had been ill for a long time. Mrs. McKelroy was a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Berley, of Lowell, Mass., and she was a native of that city. At the age of five years she came with her parents to Lynchburg, and she lived in this city more than seventy years. Mrs. McKelroy was seventy-six years of age, and she was a life-long member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Basil B. Bragg and Miss Mary A. McKelroy, both of whom reside here, and who were with her at the time of her death.

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